DNREC Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit arrests two Kent County men for illegal dumping

➤ Dustin T. Hicks

MAGNOLIA — Acting on a tip made to DNREC's Environmental Complaint hotline, Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit arrested two Kent County men May 11 and charged both of them with illegal dumping in Magnolia.

Michael B. Warncke, 41, of Magnolia, was charged with disposal or discharge of solid waste materials and fined \$500. He was issued a citation and ordered by the Environmental Crimes Unit to pick up the dumped trash that led to his arrest.

Dustin T. Hicks, 21, also of Magnolia, was charged with using a motor vehicle to help dispose of or discharge of solid waste, operation of an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to have insurance on an out-of-state vehicle, conspiracy third degree, and criminal trespass third degree. He was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 7 in Dover and released on \$500 unsecured bail.

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Michael B. Warncke of Magnolia was ordered by DNREC's Environmental Crimes Unit to clean up trash that led to his arrest for illegal dumping.

Illegal trash dumping can be reported to DNREC's Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit by calling the

toll-free 24-hour environmental complaint hotline at **800-662-8802**.

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